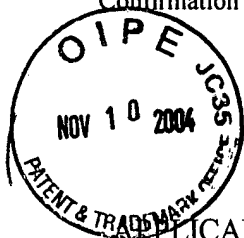


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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